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## KEEP UP THE RESISTANCE

**THE PACKARD company are once again trying to blackmail workers. They think that every few years they can threaten to leave Ireland and then have the worforce crawl before them. It is time their bluff was called.**

According to reports in the newspapers, the reports of the latest package on offer from Packard does not offer a major improvement.

- The company are still demanding a wage freeze for two years even though inflation is expected to rise.
- They still want workers to work an extra two hours. They may talk about 'banking' these hours until 1996. But this shows that they are already thinking about lay-offs then.
- They want workers to drop all claims for improvemnts—even though they keep making demands on us.

Multi-nationals delight in setting workers of one country against each other. If Packard workers accept this rotten deal, they will go to workers in Portugal or Germany and tell them that they have to go even lower.

They pretend that they have an internal market for competition—but the whole thing is rigged against all workers.

The attacks on Packard workers today are part of a general pattern of attacks on TEAM and Irish Steel.

One thing is clear from these attacks, the more the workers accept sacrifices, the more the company will come back for more. They are like thieves who find that you have an open window—concessions only heighten their greed.

That is why Packard workers should resist and reject this deal. The company needs to be told that any more blackmail will be met by the most militant action. Contacts need to be made with workers in other GM plants to stop this company playing workers off against each other.

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